

REMARKS

This Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Communication dated February 27, 2009, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Claims 25-47 are pending in the present application. With this Amendment, only the specification has been amended. A full listing of the claims is included merely for convenience. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments made to the specification. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Office Communication, the Examiner objects to claim 47. Specifically, the Examiner objects to the phrase “computer-readable memory” because it lacks clear support or antecedent basis in the Applicants’ specification. The Examiner also recommends that the specification be amended to include a reference to “a computer-readable medium” or “computer-readable memory.”

Accordingly, the Applicants have amended the specification at ¶ [0080] as follows:

“[0080] Management programs pursuant to the flowcharts of Fig. 8 through Fig. 10, Fig. 13, and Fig. 15 are stored on a computer-readable medium or memory such as the ROM 33. That is, a computer-readable medium or memory may include the ROM 33, the RAM 32 or other external storage device 34. The CPU 30 manages the resource by executing the management programs. Tables 6 to 9 shown in Fig. 1 are secured as fixed areas in the RAM 32, the external storage 34, etc.” (Emphasis added).

The amendments to the specification (noted above) are believed to be consistent with the recommendations made by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 47 is now respectfully requested.

No other objections or rejections to the present application were indicated in the Office Communication.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue.

If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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